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Method of controlling degree of access to operating system resource for software program on computer - involves examining file associated with software program to determine degree of system-level access available to software program when software program is being executed by computer

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The method involves defining a degree of access to the operating system resources for the software program. A file associated with the software program is examined to determine the degree of system-level access available to the software program when the software program is being executed by the computer. The software program is executed on the computer and a program instruction associated is intercepted with the software program when the software program is being executed on the computer. If the program instruction includes an operation that is outside the degree of system-level access available to the software program is determined. The program instruction is executed when it is determined that the software program has permission to access system-level resources associated with the computer that are within the degree of system-level access available to the software program.

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Verfahren und Geraet zur Steuerung von Zugriff auf Systembetriebsmittel
Method and apparatus for controlling software access to system resources
Procede et appareil pour commander l'accès par le logiciel a des ressources d'un
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Original Abstract:

Methods, systems, and software for installing and operating selected software applications on a client computer that is in communication with a server computer on a computer network are described. In one aspect of the present invention, a method for controlling the degree of access to operating system resources for a software program running on a computer that is running said operating system is provided. The degree of access to the operating system resources is defined for the software program, and at least one file including instructions for executing the software program is loaded on the computer from the server computer. The file is examined to determine the degree of system-level access available to the software program when the software program is being executed by the computer. The software program is executed, and a program instruction associated with the software program is intercepted when the software is being executed on the computer. A determination is then made to determine if the program instruction includes an operation that is outside of a degree of system-level access that is available to the software program, and if it is determined that the software program has permission to access system-level resources associated with the computer that are within the degree of system-level access available to the software, the program instruction is executed.

Claim:

- 1. A method for controlling the degree of access to operating system resources for a software program running on a computer which computer is running said operating system, the method comprising the steps of:
 - (a) defining said degree of access to said operating system resources for said software program;

- (b) examining at least one file associated with said software program to determine the degree of system-level access available to said software program when said software program is being executed by said computer;
- (c) executing said software program on said computer;
- (d) intercepting a program instruction associated with said software program when said software program is being executed on said computer;
- (e) determining if said program instruction includes an operation that is outside said degree of system-level access available to said software program; and
- (f) executing said program instruction when it is determined that said software program has permission to access system-level resources associated with said computer that are within the degree of system-level access available to said software program.

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Verfahren und Gerat zur Steuerung von Zugriff auf Systembetriebsmittel

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Claim:

1. Verfahren (400) zum Steuern des Grads des Zugreifens zu Betriebssystemressourcen für ein Softwareprogramm, das auf einem ersten Computer läuft, wobei der erste Computer das Betriebssystem ausführt, wobei das Verfahren Folgendes aufweist:
 - Prüfen (710) mindestens einer Datei (360), die zu dem Softwareprogramm gehört, um den Grad des Zugreifens zu Betriebssystemressourcen, der für

das Softwareprogramm verfügbar ist, wenn das Softwareprogramm von dem ersten Computer ausgeführt wird, zu bestimmen, wobei zumindest eine Datei (360) den Grad der Zugriffsprivilegien (364) zu Betriebssystemressourcen, der für das Softwareprogramm verfügbar ist, wenn das Softwareprogramm auf dem ersten Computer ausgeführt wird, definiert,

- Ausführen (604) des Softwareprogramms auf dem ersten Computer;
- Abfangen (606) einer Programmanweisung, die zu dem Softwareprogramm gehört, während das Softwareprogramm auf dem ersten Computer ausgeführt wird,
- Bestimmen (612), ob die Programmanweisung eine Operation aufweist, die ausserhalb des Grads des Zugreifens auf Betriebssystemressourcen, der für das Softwareprogramm verfügbar sind, liegt, und
- Ausführen (608) der Programmanweisung durch den ersten Computer, wenn bestimmt wird, dass das Softwareprogramm die Erlaubnis hat, auf die Betriebssystemressourcen, die zu der Programmanweisung gehören, innerhalb des Grads an Zugriffsprivilegien, die für das Softwareprogramm verfügbar sind, wenn es auf dem ersten Computer läuft, zuzugreifen.

1. A method (400) for controlling the degree of access to operating system resources for a software program running on a first computer, wherein said first computer is running said operating system, the method comprising:
 - examining (710) at least one file (360) associated with said software program to determine the degree of access to operating system resources available to said software program when said software program is being executed by said first computer, wherein the at least one file (360) defines the degree of access privileges (364) to operating system resources available to said software program when said software program is being executed by said first computer;
 - executing (604) said software program on said first computer;
 - intercepting (606) a program instruction associated with said software program while said software program is being executed on said first computer;
 - determining (612) if said program instruction includes an operation that is outside said degree of access to operating system resources available to said software program; and
 - executing (608) said program instruction by said first computer when it is determined that said software program has permission to access the operating system resources associated with said program instruction within said degree of access privileges available to said software program when running on said first computer.

1. Procédé (400) pour contrôler le degré d'accès aux ressources d'un système d'exploitation pour un programme logiciel exécuté sur un premier ordinateur, dans lequel ledit premier ordinateur exécute ledit système d'exploitation, le procédé comprenant les étapes consistant à:
 - examiner (710) au moins un fichier (360) associé au dit programme logiciel pour déterminer le degré d'accès aux ressources de système d'exploitation disponibles pour ledit programme logiciel lorsque ledit programme logiciel est exécuté par ledit premier ordinateur, dans lequel le au moins un fichier (360) définit le degré de privilèges d'accès (364) aux ressources de système d'exploitation disponibles pour ledit programme logiciel lorsque ledit programme logiciel est exécuté par ledit premier ordinateur;
 - exécuter (604) ledit programme logiciel sur ledit premier ordinateur;
 - intercepter (606) une instruction de programme associée au dit programme logiciel pendant que ledit programme logiciel est exécuté sur ledit premier ordinateur;
 - déterminer (612) si ladite instruction de programme comprend une opération qui est à l'extérieur dudit degré d'accès aux ressources de système d'exploitation disponibles pour ledit programme logiciel; et
 - exécuter (608) ladite instruction de programme par ledit premier ordinateur lorsqu'il est déterminé que ledit programme logiciel a la permission d'accéder aux ressources de système d'exploitation associées à ladite instruction de programme à l'intérieur dudit degré de privilèges d'accès disponibles pour ledit programme logiciel lorsqu'il est exécuté sur ledit premier ordinateur.

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METHOD AND DEVICE FOR CONTROLLING ACCESS OF SOFTWARE TO SYSTEM RESOURCE

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Original Abstract: Methods, systems, and software for installing and operating selected software applications on a client computer that is in communication with a server computer on a computer network are described. In one aspect of the present invention, a method for controlling the degree of access to operating system resources for a software program running on a computer that is running said operating system is provided. The degree of access to the operating system resources is defined for the software program, and at least one file including instructions for executing the software program is loaded on the computer from the server computer. The file is examined to determine the degree of system-level access available to the software program when the software program is being executed by the computer. The software program is executed, and a program instruction associated with the software program is intercepted when the software is being executed on the computer. A determination is then made to determine if the program instruction includes an operation that is outside of a degree of system-level access that is available to the software program, and if it is determined that the software program has permission to access system-level resources associated with the computer that are within the degree of system-level access available to the software, the program

instruction is executed.

Claim:

1. A method for controlling the degree of access to operating system resources for a software program running on a first computer, wherein said first computer is running said operating system, the method comprising:
 - examining at least one file associated with said software program to determine the degree of system-level access available to said software program when said software program is being executed by said first computer, wherein the software program is constructed using said at least one file;
 - executing said software program on said first computer;
 - intercepting a program instruction associated with said software program while said software program is being executed on said first computer;
 - determining when said program instruction includes an operation that is outside said degree of system-level access available to said software program; and
 - executing said program instruction when it is determined that said software program has permission to access system-level resources that are within said degree of system-level access available to said software program.